

Assembly California Legislature

September 3, 2009

Hon. Curt Pringle, Chair
Hon. Tom Umberg, Vice-Chair
California High-Speed Rail Authority
925 L Street, Suite 1425
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: California High-Speed Rail Authority Board Meeting – Agenda Items # 8 and 10:
American Recovery and Re-investment Act and Metro Memorandum of Understanding

Dear Chairman Pringle and Vice-Chair Umberg:

We are writing to express our support for your efforts to make the important mission of the High-Speed Rail Authority a reality. Californians will benefit greatly from this project – through the protection of our environment, through the creation of jobs, and through an increase in mobility and tourism.

As the Authority begins its discussions today to seek funding from the American Recovery and Re-investment Act for high-speed rail, please know that we will continue our advocacy and join you in working to show Washington D.C. that California is a good investment and a great partner in the President's vision for high-speed rail.

In fact, we believe California can be the proving ground to show the nation what high-speed rail could look like in America.

The immense undertaking of building and financing a high-speed rail system in California can best be accomplished by building partnerships with our local and regional transportation partners. We are glad that the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the High-Speed Rail Authority are working together to bring this project to one of the most populous regions of the state.

Again, thank you for your strong performance on California's behalf. We look forward to working with you in your efforts to unify the state's transportation partners around building high-speed rail and to advance the mission of the Authority.

Sincerely,



KAREN BASS
Speaker of the Assembly



CATHLEEN GALGIANI
Assemblymember, 17th Assembly District